

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
ADVISORY TASK FORCE
7th MEETING SUMMARY
May 15, 2002**

Prepared by:

Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Groundwater Management Staff

Call to Order

Advisory Task Force members in attendance:

Karen Gautreaux, Chairperson, Office of the Governor

Bill Branch, LSU Agricultural Center, Designee

Dr. Rene` De Hon, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Geology Department

Charles Demas, Louisiana District Chief, USGS

Timothy W. Duex, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Geology Department

Todd Fontenot, Louisiana Soybean Association

Henry T. Graham, Jr., Louisiana Chemical Association

George Guidry, Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Protection and Preservation

Bradford Hanson, Louisiana Geological Survey

Senator Fred Hoyt, Designee for the President of the Senate

Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation

Steve Levine, Association of Public Utilities

Frank Lyon, Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas

R. Michael Lyon, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association

Kyle McCann, Louisiana Farm Bureau

Olevia McDonald, Sparta Ground Water Conservation District

Eugene H. Owen, Municipal Water Association

Linda Curtis Sparks, Sabine River Authority

Bradley E. Spicer, Agriculture & Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation

Kerry St. Pe', Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program

Charles W. Stahr, Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association

C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Louisiana Forestry Association

Linda Walker, League of Women Voters-New Orleans

Michael W. Wascom, Citizens for a Clean Environment

Groundwater Management Staff Activities

Mr. Duplechin, Chief of Staff, read into the record the number of Water Well Information Sheets received since the last Commission meeting (90) and the number of just cause waivers rendered (7). The staff has received a total of 369 water well information sheets.

The usual items were updated on the website. Several changes were made to the website. The home page has been changed to list only major links on the left side banner. A link was added for critical ground water areas, which gives information regarding application status, hearing information and Commission findings. The link was added in order to be ready for when an application is submitted. Other links added are to press releases and other related documents, a link to DOTD well registration web page and the National Drought Mitigation Center.

During the last two months staff members have attended several meetings, which include the Sparta Ground Water Conservation District Commission in Ruston and the NOAA workshop in New Orleans for the Mississippi River Basin stakeholders.

In an attempt to spread the word about well notification, the staff developed a fact sheet, which was posted on our Website. The staff has been working on several brochures for distribution to the general public.

The staff has spent considerable time preparing the 3rd Emergency Rule and the Notice of Intent, which were published in the April 20th issue of the *Louisiana*

Register. The Public Hearing on the rules will be the first order of business at the May 29th Commission meeting.

The staff received the preliminary draft of the Part 1 deliverables from the contractor, C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates. After review, approval was given to send copies to each Commission member and each of the Task Force Committee chairs. A copy of the submittal is available on the website hosted by C. H. Fenstermaker and can be found at www.la-water.com. The deadlines for deliverables 1 and 2 have been met. The consultant will present the final of Part 1 no later than June 15th based upon the comments received from the Commission and Task Force as well as the staff.

The staff submitted to DNR Contracts and Grants Division a revised scope of services for preparation of another Request for Proposals in the event the Commission votes not to continue the current contract.

Final comments on the brochures and Draft 1 should be sent to the staff before the May 29th meeting.

Consultants Report

Copies of the draft Part 1 were mailed to each Commissioner. The consultant reported they were six months into a seven-month schedule. The consultant gave his oral presentation and entertained questions from the Task Force.

Advisory Task Force Committee Reports

Ms. Linda Walker gave the Outreach Subcommittee report. She presented the final Action Plan Strategy for Public Information for review by the Task Force.

Mr. Owen of the Public Supply and Economic Subcommittee, reported on the April 2002 joint subcommittee meeting and requested that the Task Force consider his proposal and be ready to vote on it at the May 29, 2002 Task Force meeting

Old Business

No new business

New Business

No new business.

Schedule for Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at 9:30 am. The location will be announced at a later date.